GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:50
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2000
OPERATION THEATRES IN DELHI HOSPITALS
SUDHA YADAV

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the operation theatres in the Hospitals of Delhi are not following the rules to make operation theatres infection free before operation;

(b) whether patients are forced to bring operation gloves and stitching thread from outside due to which apprehension of getting infection remains;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective action taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 50 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2000

(a) In the three Central Government Hospitals of Delhi, precautions are taken to minimize the chances of hospital acquired infection and postoperative infection. There is a Hospital Infection Control Committee in each Hospital, which monitors bacterial flora of operation theatres regularly. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has intimated that in all the Operation Theatres at AIIMS Hospital, precautions are taken to minimize the chances of hospital-occurred infections and post operative wound infections. NDMC has informed that the hospital theatres of its hospitals are regularly dis-infected and infection rate of the hospital is very low. MCD has informed that its Hospitals are following the rules to make operation theatres infection free before carrying out operation. As such, no possibilities remain of infection during operation. The Government of NCT of Delhi has also intimated that in regard to hospitals in Delhi also no such report/complaint is available.

(b)&(c): Gloves/sutures are available in AIIMS, Central Government, NDMC, MCD and Government of NCT of Delhi run hospitals Even in those cases where patients bring their own gloves and stitching thread, they are used only when they are packed in asceptic condition.

(d) It is the endeavour of the Central Government to make available all consumable items to indoor patients.